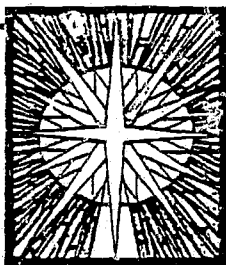


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"For I was an hungered
and ye gave me meat:
I was thirsty
and ye gave me drink;
I was a stranger
and ye took me in;
Naked, and ye clothed me;
I was sick and ye visited me;
I was in prison,
and ye came unto me.

"Then shall the righteous
Answer him, saying,
When saw we thee an hungered
And fed thee?
Or thirsty.
And gave thee drink?
When saw we thee a stranger
And took thee in?
Or naked, and clothed thee
Or when saw we thee sick?
Or in prison,
And came unto thee?

"Verily I say unto you,
Inasmuch as ye have done it
Unto one of the least of these...
...Ye have done it unto me"

Matthew 25:35-40

Dear Sir:

Our church has established a large agricultural mission project in the interior of Guyana, South America. The project is thriving and has been widely acclaimed and commended by Guyanese officials, as well as officials from the United States who have visited there, such as the Lieutenant Governor of California, Hon. Mervyn Dymally.

I am enclosing a recently published report on our work there, along with supplementary materials that provide more detail about the scope and nature of this extensive undertaking.

I am writing because of reports that have come to us from a parent of a young woman residing at the mission community, to the effect that persons in our State Department are for some reason "unhappy" with our project. We have no further details.

Naturally, we are concerned about such reports, and we would like to know if you or some one in the State Department could help us to evaluate them.

Our only desire has been to create a program in Guyana which will show the practical, helpful and beneficial effects of Christian mission. Our community has grown in the three years it has been under development. Many persons, young and old, who have found their lives lacking fulfillment, have found meaningful opportunities for human service in the peaceful, natural, and wholesome surroundings of our mission.

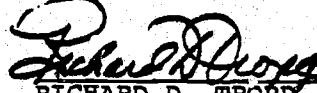
If there are any questions or further information you would like about our work in our Caribbean mission, please let us know, or contact our project directly through P. O. Box 893,

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Georgetown, Guyana, S. A. We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,


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Enclosures

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